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ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Wednesday, March 28, 2012, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 11:00 a.m. at Hawthorne Race Course. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Patricia Beauvais, Kathy Byrne, Angelo Ciambrone, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Paul Smith and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Monat moved to approve Arlington Park's request for approval of racing officials for 2012. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Balmoral Park's request to amend the 2012 Dates Order by vacating live racing on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved to approve Fairmount Park's request for the disbursement of \$60,000 from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund to be used for quarter horse races at Fairmount Park. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1. Commissioner Byrne voted against the motion. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmount Park.

Commissioner Beauvais moved to approve Arlington Park's request for approval to initiate rulemaking to add Section 510.260, Option to Declare Horse Ineligible to be Claimed. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. Chris Polzin appeared on behalf of Arlington Park and Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 603.60 by reducing the threshold level of phenylbutazone from 5 micrograms to 2 micrograms for thoroughbred graded stakes races. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the request submitted by the Jockeys' Guild for the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 1412.10, Weight Allowances and add Section 1424.370, Posting of Jockey Accident Insurance Coverage. Commissioner Beauvais seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. Jeff Johnston appeared on behalf of the Jockeys' Guild and Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

Gail Radke and Dan Sullivan appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owner Foundation to present information about the ITBOF.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a Board proclamation for the late Elmer Polzin. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve a Board proclamation for the late Bob Larry. Commissioner Beauvais seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner LaPidus motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Beauvais seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

Executive Director